

Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students - Uses of Funds

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Summary: Title III must be used to increase the English proficiency of LEP students and provide professional development. Title III may also be used for seven allowable activities plus others consistent with Title III purposes. Activities by Agencies Experiencing Substantial Increases in Immigrant Children and Youth are also listed

Required Activities

An eligible entity receiving funds under Title III must use the funds to:

- (1) Increase the English proficiency of limited English proficient (LEP) children by providing high-quality language-instruction educational programs that are based on scientific research that demonstrates the effectiveness of the programs in increasing —
 - (A) English proficiency and
 - (B) Student academic achievement in the core academic subjects, and;
- (2) Provide high-quality professional development to classroom teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language instruction educational programs), principals, administrators and other school or community-based organizational personnel, that is —
 - (A) Designed to improve the instruction and assessment of limited English proficient children;
 - (B) Designed to enhance the ability of such teachers to understand and use curricula, assessment measures, and instruction strategies for limited English proficient children;
 - (C) Based on scientific research demonstrating the effectiveness of the professional development in increasing children's English proficiency or substantially increasing the subject matter knowledge, teaching knowledge and teaching skills of such teachers; and
 - (D) Of sufficient intensity and duration (which shall not include activities such as one-day or short-term workshops and conferences) to have a positive and lasting impact on the teachers' performance in the classroom, except that this subparagraph shall not apply to an activity that is one component of a long-term, comprehensive professional development plan established by a teacher and the teacher's supervisor based on an assessment of the needs of the teacher, the supervisor, the students of the teacher, and any local educational agency employing the teacher.

Authorized Activities

An eligible entity receiving Title III funds may use the funds to achieve one of the purposes of Title III by undertaking one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Upgrading program objectives and effective instruction strategies;
- (2) Improving the instruction program for limited English proficient children by identifying, acquiring and upgrading curricula, instruction materials, educational software and assessment procedures;
- (3) Providing—
 - (A) Tutorials and academic or vocational education for limited English proficient children and
 - (B) Intensified instruction;
- (4) Developing and implementing elementary school or secondary school language instruction educational programs that are coordinated with other relevant programs and services;
- (5) Improving the English proficiency and academic achievement of limited English proficient children;
- (6) Providing community participation programs, family literacy services and parent outreach and training activities to limited English proficient children and their families—
 - (A) To improve the English language skills of limited English proficient children, and;
 - (B) To assist parents in helping their children to improve their academic achievement and becoming active participants in the education of their children;
- (7) Improving the instruction of limited English proficient children by providing for—
 - (A) The acquisition or development of educational technology or instructional materials;
 - (B) Access to, and participation in, electronic networks for materials, training, and communication, and;
 - (C) Incorporation of the resources described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) into curricula and programs, such as those funded under this subpart;
- (8) Carrying out other activities that are consistent with the purposes of Title III.

Activities by Agencies Experiencing Substantial Increases in Immigrant Children and Youth

- (1) An eligible entity receiving funds under Title III for immigrant students must use the funds to pay for activities that provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth, which may include:

- (A) Family literacy, parent outreach and training activities designed to assist parents to become active participants in the education of their children;
- (B) Support for personnel, including teacher aides who have been specifically trained or are being trained to provide services to immigrant children and youth;
- (C) Provision of tutorials, mentoring and academic or career counseling for immigrant children and youth;
- (D) Identification and acquisition of curricular materials, educational software and technologies to be used in the program carried out with funds;
- (E) Basic instruction services that are directly attributable to the presence in the school district involved of immigrant children and youth, including the payment of costs of providing additional classroom supplies, costs of transportation or such other costs as are directly attributable to such additional basic instruction services;
- (F) Other instruction services that are designed to assist immigrant children and youth to achieve in elementary schools and secondary schools in the United States, such as programs of introduction to the educational system and civics education, and;
- (G) Activities, coordinated with community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, private sector entities, or other entities with expertise in working with immigrants, to assist parents of immigrant children and youth by offering comprehensive community services.